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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Laurie Magid today announced the filing of a Superseding Indictment ¹ charging Abdul Hadi Abussalaam and Crystal Ball with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute one kilogram or more of heroin and with attempted possession of approximately 542 grams of heroin.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR YEAR OF BIRTH
Abdul Hadi Abdussalaam	Ardmore, Pennsylvania	1971
Crystal Ball	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	1971

If convicted, Abussalaam faces a maximum sentence of mandatory life imprisonment, a fine of \$ 8 million dollars, and a mandatory minimum of 10 years to lifetime supervised release. If convicted, Ball faces a maximum possible sentence of life imprisonment, a 10 year mandatory minimum sentence, a fine of \$4 million dollars, and a mandatory minimum of 5 years to lifetime supervised release.

The case was investigated by the United States Department of Homeland Security's Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Floyd J. Miller.

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